



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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F. Richard Jones, M.D., Councilmember
City of Fullerton

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Re: FPPC File No. 09/789; Frederick Richard Jones

Dear Dr. Jones:

On December 17, 2009, the Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission sent a letter to you alleging that you received two gifts from Cal State Fullerton in the amount of \$550 and that the amount was over the applicable gift limit of \$420. In response to that letter, you provided a copy of a letter written to the FPPC in July of 2009 that addresses the same issue. In that letter, you indicate that you were informed by Kevin Moen of the Technical Assistance staff that receipt of this gift was permissible and not subject to the limit.

The rules concerning the receipt of gifts from non-profit organizations were changed effective October 4, 2008 and will affect how you receive these gifts in the future. Under the new regulation, you may receive one ticket to each fundraising event a 501(c)(3) organization holds during a calendar year, up to a cumulative value of \$420, and only if the organization hosting the event provides the ticket to you. (Regulation 18944.1(a), enclosed.) Essentially, you cannot receive any more than \$420 in tickets to a Cal State Fullerton fundraising event in a calendar year.

It is suggested that before you accept tickets to any 501(c)(3) fundraising event in the future, that you contact the Commission's Legal Division for advice.

Since the tickets you reported on your 2008 Annual Statement of Economic Interests were received prior to when the new rules took affect, we are closing this matter without further action.

Sincerely,

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Gary S. Winuk
Chief, Enforcement Division

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Enclosure